

BROOKLYN NEWS.

MANY FIRES IN BROOKLYN.

Suspicion that Incendiaries Were Plying Their Fiendish Trade.

East New York Blazes—Women Rescued on Underlives in Avenue.

Police Capt. Gorman, of the Seventeenth Precinct, in Brooklyn, to-day detailed two patrolmen in citizen dress to discover, if possible, the incendiaries working in East New York, who are supposed to be responsible for three fires yesterday which destroyed property valued at \$27,000.

Shortly after 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning the firemen were called to a fire which started in the building at 251 Atlantic avenue, a five-story building, the second floor of which was occupied by a saloon-keeper, lost \$500.

Just as the firemen were getting ready to leave the first fire a second alarm was sounded from Hickman street, a block away. The second fire completely destroyed the Manhattan Opera-House, a five-story frame building, and caused the several frame structures adjoining, damaging them from \$200 to \$500 each.

The opera-house was owned by Frederick Schmitt, and leased to Simon Nager, a saloon-keeper, who was insured by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. The loss of the building, owned by Nager, is said to be \$200,000. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. is said to be the owner of the building.

John Orman's house, on the north of the opera-house was damaged to the extent of \$200. On the south side, the building occupied by William Ryan as a saloon-keeper, and valued at \$500, and a next building, owned by Frederick Schmitt, was damaged to the extent of \$200. Other buildings were damaged \$300 each.

After putting out the Opera-House fire the engine companies had hardly returned to their houses when an alarm was sent out from West and Atlantic avenues.

The fire started in P. H. Reid's liquor store, which extended to the office of Jacob Wurtz. Reid's loss is \$200, and that of Wurtz \$500, both covered by insurance.

All three fires showed signs of incendiary, and Capt. Gorman began a personal investigation at once. Whether the incendiaries were frightened or not, he did not know, but after the first series of fires the firemen in other parts of the city were kept busy for a long time.

At 8 o'clock fire broke out in the green house, 181 Twenty-fifth street, owned by Charles Krombach, the Democratic nominee for Superior in the Eleventh Ward. The firemen rescued four horses, valued by Mr. Krombach at \$1,200. The flames destroyed \$2,000 worth of property.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock last night flames were discovered in the house in the Twentieth Precinct, near the corner of the Broadway and West streets. The flames broke out in the apartments of Mrs. Elizabeth Krombach, and spread with such rapidity that the occupants of the upper stories were nearly suffocated before the fire was put out.

Mrs. Kate Rapp, Mrs. Catherine Doyle and Mrs. Annie McIntyre, occupying the upper floors, were rescued by the firemen. The fire was caused by a gas leak through the hallway, but found that escape in that direction was entirely cut off.

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STABBED IN SALOON ROW.

An Italian Liquor-Dealer Buries a Knife in Kearn's Back.

Barred His Place When Police Came to Arrest Him.

Chattilho Biagio, an Italian saloon-keeper, of 57 Front street, Brooklyn, was held without bail by Justice Walsh in the Adams Street Police Court this morning to await the result of an inquiry which he inflicted upon Andrew Kearns, of 405 Warren street.

Kearns and Charles McCue, of 633 Baltic street, went into the saloon last night to get a drink. They bought several, and then Biagio offered to treat them. The party ended in a dispute a few minutes later and the customer, it is alleged, threatened to throw the saloon-keeper into the cellar.

Biagio grabbed a knife, and before the men could get away the Italian buried a knife in Kearns' back. The injured man ran to the saloon-keeper, who grabbed the handle of the knife and threw it down, leaving an ugly gash, seven inches long.

Kearns fell to the floor unconscious, with his head on the wall. The police arrived and Biagio stood in a corner, looking on. Word was sent to the lower Fulton street police station and several officers hurried to the scene.

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SUGAR AND LEAD OPEN WEAK.

Bears Use London Quotations to Depress the Market.

Conflicting Reports from Washington Retard Trading.

The week opened with very quiet markets in Washington. The conflicting reports from London in regard to tariff and internal revenue legislation have more influence than all other considerations combined.

Sugar started off at 83 and declined steadily to 81.34. At the same time the preferred dropped 1 1/4, to 83.34; Chicago Gas 7.4 to 61.34; Manhattan 1.14, to 12.12; National Lead 21.4, to 25.14; National Lead preferred 11.4, to 20.12; Reading 1.2, to 20.41; Louisville, New Albany & Chicago preferred 1.2, to 22.38; and Cordage 11.4, to 14.14.

The drop in lead was accelerated by the execution of stop orders. Burlington & Quincy rose 1/4, to 25.14; Dillards 7.4, to 24.18; and Reading 1.2, to 21.38. The fact that quotations from London came below the points of our closings on Saturday assisted the bears in the early trading.

The steamship La Bourgeois, which arrived from Havre, brought 500,000 francs gold to the Customs and Foreign in transit to Cuba.

Bar silver in London was 1.44, higher at 2.44 per ounce.

Posted rates of sterling exchange remain 4.87 1/2 and 4.88. The supply of American cotton is estimated at 2,500,000 bales. Lower rates of discount in London strengthened long sterling and weakened short.

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M'KANE GOES TO PRISON.

Received no official notification of Justice Cullen's decision.

"Until so notified," he said, "I will not attempt to say when McKane will be taken to Sing Sing. Whether or not he will be taken to the river to-day depends upon circumstances."

He declined to state what the "circumstances" depended upon were, but his manner conveyed the impression that McKane might not be taken to Sing Sing to-day.

The Sheriff refused to allow reporters to see McKane, and also declined to state how the Gravesend boss took the decision.

To prevent reporters from invading the jail he stationed himself at the door and personally met all visitors.

It was announced last Friday that, in the event of Justice Cullen's decision being adverse to McKane, the prisoner would be taken to Sing Sing to-day.

In his decision Justice Cullen says: "The evidence is competent for the purpose of showing that McKane was a person of bad character and of low moral standards."

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SON SUES HIS FATHER.

Monmouth County Interested in the Suit vs. Stout Case.

RED BANK, N. J., Feb. 26.—The case of Stout vs. Stout, which has been occupying the attention of the Monmouth County courts for several days, goes to the jury to-day.

It is a suit of a son against his father, the father being John W. Stout, Jr., and the son being John W. Stout, Jr.

Stout, Jr., born farming at his father's place in Middletown township, a few years ago. He was not a success as a husbandman, and being a "horsey" young man, converted the farm into a sort of horse training establishment.

He and his father, John W. Stout, Jr., were intimate with a number of the owners of race horses, among them the late Mr. J. P. Morgan.

Last September, according to Stout, Jr., a statement, his father placed another of his horses in the hands of the late Mr. J. P. Morgan.

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SUTHERLAND ON TRIAL.

His Counsel Vainly Pleads to Justice Cullen for Delay.

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